

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are presently pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the total amount of cerium oxide or rare earth element and one or more elements is from 15% to 25% by mass, which is supported in the specification at least in Table 1. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication in a voice mail message to the undersigned's representative Sandra Katz on May 8, 2006 that such an amendment, if clearly supported in the specification, would be accepted after final. Accordingly, entry after final is deemed appropriate and respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking support in the written description. The Examiner argues that there is no support for the total amount of cerium oxide or rare earth element oxide and one or more elements being 15 to 35% by mass. While not necessarily agreeing with the Examiner's arguments, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the total amount is 15 to 25% by mass, which is clearly supported in Table 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejection are respectfully requested.

In a second voice mail message to Sandra Katz on May 5, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the previous prior art rejection had been withdrawn. Accordingly, in view of the preceding Amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in full compliance with § 112 and thus in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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